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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, JA

SUBJECT: MIG-25 PRESS GUIDANCE

REF: A. STATE 229689 NOTAL

B. TOKYO 13749

1. AGREE WITH SUGGESTED PRESS TREATMENT OUTLINED PARA 2  
REF. A WHICH MEETS GOJ WISHES AND WHICH IS CONSISTENT  
WITH LOW-KEY PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTURE. WE HAVE BEEN TAKING  
AS DESCRIBED PARA 5 REF B.

2. FONOFF HAS TENTATIVELY AGREED TO  
FOLLOWING WORDING FOR WASHINGTON USE: "IN RESPONSE  
TO A REQUEST FROM THE JAPAN AIR SELF DEFENSE FORCES,  
COMMANDER US FORCES JAPAN HAS AGREED TO PLACE TECHNICAL  
PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE JAPAN SELF  
DEFENSE FORCES FOR USE IN THEIR TRANSPORTATION OF THE MIG-25 IN  
CUSTODY OF THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES." PLEASE NOTE IT

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IS ESSENTIAL TO CHARACTERIZE US ROLE AS "ASSISTANCE"

RATHER THAN "PARTICIPATION".

3. EMBOFF POINTED OUT TO FONOFF THAT ALTHOUGH US SIDE PREFERRED TO AVOID COMMENT ON SUBJECT, THERE WOULD BE CONSIDERABLE WASHINGTON INTEREST IN QUESTION OF WHETHER US WOULD OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM MIG EXAMINATION. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION FONOFF AGREED TENTATIVELY THAT U.S. COULD USE FOLLOWING ON AN IF ASKED BASIS: "THE INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED BY JAPANESE AUTHORITIES WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DISPOSITION OF RESULTS. JAPANESE AUTHORITIES ARE, OF COURSE, WELL AWARE OF THE US INTERESTS IN THIS MATTER."

4. JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY (JDA) WILL BE TAKING LEAD WITH PRESS IN TOKYO. WE UNDERSTAND JDA WILL BRIEF PRESS OF GENERAL OUTLINE OF EXCHANGE WITH US FORCES (BEING TRANSMITTED SEPTTEL). JDA MAY ALSO IMPLY THAT GOJ MAY REQUEST FURTHER ASSISTANCE FROM US FORCES AFTER MIG IS MOVED. BASED ON TRACK RECORD, JDA WILL PROVIDE EXTENSIVE BACKGROUNDEERS FOR JAPANESE PRESS BUT MAIN THEME WILL BE: (1) JDA IS CONDUCTING INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION WITH US ROLE CONFINED TO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND (2) RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION ARE PROPERTY OF JAPANESE SELF DEFENSE FORCES AND THERE IS NO AGREEMENT ON SHARING.

5. AS THIS GOES TO PRESS FONOFF ADVISES THAT PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT RE JASDF-USFJ EXCHANGE AS PROPOSED BY YAMAZAKI AND REPORTED SEPTTEL WILL PROBABLY BE HELD OFF UNTIL SATURDAY AFTERNOON LOCAL. WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED.  
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